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## RACE RIOT REIGNED IN THE SHADOW OF LINCOLN'S TOMB.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Two white men were killed, a negro was lynched, more than half a hundred persons were injured and two score of houses, mostly occupied by negroes, were burned last night as the result of an attempt by a mob to lynch a negro who had assaulted a white woman.

After a night of riot, arson and slaughter the state troops called out by the Governor succeeded early today in restoring a semblance of order and stopping the fire.

The dead:

CHARLES HUNTER, colored.

LEWIS JOHNSON, 17 years old.

JAMES SCOTT, 70 years old.

WM. BURTON, colored, lynched.

WM. DONEGAN, colored, lynched.

JOHN CALDWELL, shot.

The rioting was precipitated by an assault committed early yesterday morning by a negro upon Mrs. Mabel Hallem, wife of a Streetcar conductor. While the woman slept alone in her home on a populous residence street, awaiting the return of her husband, the man broke into her house, dragged her into her rear yard and assaulted her.

Before noon George Richardson, a young negro, was arrested by the Sheriff's force charged with the crime. The victim partially identified the prisoner. Crowds quickly gathered about the jail, but Sheriff Werner's force and the police were able to preserve order until nightfall without difficulty.

Shortly after 5 o'clock a successful ruse was worked by the authorities and Richardson was spirited away to safety in Peoria. With him was taken another negro charged with attempted assault and murder. A few hours later the mob formed and stormed the jail and finding the

negro gone went to the restaurant of Harry Loper, who took him away, and wrecked it. Lewis Johnson was killed in the rioting at Loper's. E. W. Chaffin, prohibition candidate for president, was hit with a brick while trying to protect a negro pursued by the mob. In this melee Jas. Scott was killed by a stray bullet.

The rioting and burning lasted all night. Troops have been arriving all day and 2000 are now on duty.

Springfield drips in blood to-night.

In the shadow of the Nation's monument to Abraham Lincoln, scores of negroes have been shot down in their tracks.

Hardly a stone's throw from the home whence the emancipator of the slaves started for Washington, four solid blocks of buildings, occupied as lowly homes of the blacks, have been devastated.

Early this morning, William Burton, a negro, was shot as he stood in his doorway. His body was dragged two blocks by the infuriated mob and strung up to a telephone pole, where it was riddled with bullets.

Tonight the mob reformed and passed out word that it intended to storm the arsenal. The troops hurried there to prevent the capture of arms and ammunition. While the other part of town was deserted, the mob captured William Donegan, a negro, 60 years of age, strung him up to a telephone pole and riddled his body with bullets.

Horror Shown in Detail.

As far as can now be ascertained the results of the most horrible night in the history of the fair Capital city of Illinois and one of the darkest stories in the history of the Commonwealth, may be thus summarized:

Five known dead, with the proba-

bility that twelve more at least will be added to the fatalities when the ruins of the burned shacks are cleared.

One hundred injured by rifle bullets, revolver shots, bricks and beer bottles.

Four blocks of property, adjacent to heart of Springfield's business district, laid to waste by fire.

Property to the value of \$100,000 destroyed and carried off by the drunken mob as loot.

Twenty-five hundred negroes rendered homeless and destitute, and now in a refugee camp at Camp Lincoln guarded by the regiments of troops.

### TROOPS IN CONTROL.

Gov. Deneen Has Almost Entire Militia at Capital.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 16.—With the arrival here to-day of the Second and Seventh infantry regiments, Illinois National Guard, and two squadrons of the First cavalry, all from Chicago, the entire National Guard of Illinois, with the exception of the Sixth infantry and the Eighth infantry (colored), was on duty in the riot-ridden districts to-night. In all 4,200 guardsmen are in the city. Two deaths, due to the violence of Friday and Saturday, occurred at St. John's Hospital. William Denigan, the aged colored man whose throat was cut last night, expired at 11 o'clock this morning. Frank Delmore, who was shot through the lungs on Friday night, died an hour later. This brings the list of violent deaths during the race troubles up to five.

## SUNDAY BALL KNOCKED OUT

City Council Removes all Doubt by Passing a Special Ordinance.

### SEVENTH ST. BRIDGE.

Sanitary Ordinance Referred to Corporations Committee.

The Council met in adjourned session Friday night and discussed Sunday baseball, sanitation and some street matters.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting ball playing in the city on Sunday, which received all of the votes of the six councilmen present.

The notification of the State Board of Health that sewerage must be taken out of Little River was referred to the Corporations Committee to see what course could be agreed upon and if possible report Friday night at the regular meeting. An extension of time will be asked for.

The bridge committee submitted a report on the Seventh Street bridge, accepting the finished work, and recommending settlement according to contract. The report was adopted and settlement was made Saturday by a warrant for \$750 and a note for a like amount due Nov. 1st.

### Two More Burned.

Murray, Aug. 17.—Night riders burned two more barns in Calloway county Saturday night. The victims were the Hendrickses, father and son, who were witnesses against Jake Ellis in his recent trial at Murray.

## NEGRO FORCERS DO MERCHANTS

Pass Off Bogus Checks to Extent of \$132 in Two Hours.

### EVEN DOZEN CAUGHT.

Finally Run Down, One of Them Outruns an Officer and Escapes.

Two strange negroes went through the merchants of the city Saturday night and cashed so far as heard from twelve bogus checks, all for \$12 and all signed with the name of L. H. Davis for "concrete labor." Seven of the checks have been turned in to Police Chief Roper and all of them are written on Planters Bank and Trust Co.'s checks, have the same number, 6384, and are all in the same hand writing. Two are made payable to Charley Bennett or bearer and five to Will Jones or bearer.

The men were not together and there is some doubt as to whether there was one man or two.

One victim says the negro was of medium size and brown skinned, clean shaven. Another says he was about the same description excepting that he had a moustache. About 10 o'clock one of them failed to work off a check on Max Sable. He stepped to the phone to call Mr. Davis and the negro went out. Mr. Sable followed to the door and met Officer Miller and pointed the negro out to him. Earlier victims had already reported the matter and Miller was looking for the forger. He attempted to catch the negro but he took to his heels and ran out Virginia street to Second avenue and darting in behind Pool's hardware store ran through the building and out on to Main street, escaping in the crowd on Central avenue. Officer Miller fired in the air to stop the fugitive, but it only quickened his speed. The man, or men as the case may be, probably left the city on foot.

The scheme was to go into a store and buy a small amount, usually about one dollar's worth, and leave the bundles in the store to be called for in about half an hour. The change secured averaged \$11 and the

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## GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

Exonerates Circuit Judge Cook and Commonwealth's Attorney Smith.

### SOLDIERS IN DEMAND.

Barn and Stable Burned on the Farm of Tobe Roberts.

Murray, Ky., Aug. 15.—Circuit court adjourned here this afternoon. The grand jury made its report and was finally discharged.

In the report they stated that after a thorough investigation they found the accusation made against Judge Cook and Denny P. Smith that they were night riders to be utterly false and without foundation. None of the proof they heard was embodied in the report.

County Attorney Napoleon Bonaparte Barnett conducted the investigation and examined the witnesses before the grand jury. County Judge Crumbaugh and County Attorney Krone, of Lyon county, were sent here to give testimony. Dr. B. F. Berry, J. D. Sexton and W. L. Whitnell, all prominent citizens of Murray, also testified. It developed in the grand jury room that Dr. Berry first circulated the report in Murray, directly charging Judge Cook with being connected with the night riders. Dr. Berry based his statement on information furnished him by County Attorney Krone, of Lyon county, who told him that he had seen an affidavit made by Stanford Hall, in which the latter said that

Mr. Smith gave him the countersign of the night riders and that Judge Cook was also a member of the order. Dr. Berry told Mr. Sexton and Mr. Sexton told Mr. Whitnell, and that is how the report became circulated, so Dr. Berry said today, talking to the Times correspondent.

County Attorney Barnett opposed a written report. He advised the members of the jury to dismiss the subject when he found that the evidence did not warrant an indictment.

The investigation was thorough and complete," said Mr. Barnett, "and the evidence did not warrant an indictment. There were general rumors of Judge Cook's and Mr. Smith's sympathies being with the night riders, but there was no proof connecting them with the lawless element. I opposed a written report because I did not want to mix politics with legal matters."

When the grand jury reported it turned in several indictments, among them one charging Kelsie Kirk, Clay Garland and two others with burning the barn of Smoot Hendricks.

FRESH OUTBREAK.

Night riders are again in operation in this county. Last night they burned the barn and stable of Tobe Roberts, a farmer and former school teacher on the east side of the county. Soldiers were on the scene, but got there too late to be of any service. The reason for the burning of Robert's barn is a mystery, for all along he has been a strong association man. Only last week he refused to help his uncle thresh wheat because he refused to join the association. All along he is said to have opposed Judge Wells in the bringing here of the troops by him, but last night he telephoned for them immediately after he discovered the fire on his place. Only telephone messages can be received from his place, and it is not known whether he recognized any of them. Bloodhounds have been brought here and every effort made to run down the guilty parties.